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Attempted Theft of Airplane

On September 4, 2007, at approximately 6:08 a.m., a suspect identified as Orlando BROWN, 25, of Riverside, intentionally drove his 2001 Mercedes Benz through a gate at the Riverside Municipal Airport (RAL). Brown allegedly drove through two additional chain link fences in order to gain access to the airport property.

According to reports, Brown exited his vehicle and began looking through a number of airplanes on the tarmac. The suspect entered one of the airplanes and attempted to turn on the ignition. Officers from the Riverside Police Department took Brown into custody before he was able to start or move the airplane. Brown displayed objective symptoms of stimulant drug use and was in possession of drug paraphernalia. The suspect was placed on a 72-hour hold with Emergency Treatment Services (ETS) at Riverside County Regional Medical Center under Section 5150 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code, with possible criminal charges pending.

Riverside Municipal Airport management and the Federal authorities were notified of the attempted theft of aircraft.

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